

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-371)**

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al.)	
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Serial No.: 09/391,861)	Before the Examiner: S. Priebe
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Filed: September 7, 1999)	Group Art Unit: 1632
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For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like)	
Polypeptides)	

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed June 27, 2006. The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$1020.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.41.20(b)(1), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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Dated: December 21, 2006

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